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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 64

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 25, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 24, 2005

SUBJECT: Indiana Library and Historical Department.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Merritt

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation:(Amended) This bill abolishes the Indiana Historical Bureau and provides that the employees of the bureau become employees of the Indiana Library and Historical Department (ILHD). It transfers the state archives and the records management responsibilities (including the Oversight Committee on Public Records) of the Commission on Public Records to the ILHD. It also transfers the Historical Markers Program to the ILHD. It provides that the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites will take custody and care for the governors' portraits. The bill makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: (Amended) July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *ILHD*. Under current law, the ILHD consists of the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Bureau. Under the proposal, the ILHD will consist of the Indiana State Library and the Indiana State Archives. The necessary restructuring may require additional expenditures. The total cost of public notification, adjustments to publications, signage, office stationery, and various other expenditures is not known. To the extent that existing staff, office supplies, and facilities are used, the fiscal impact could be reduced.

Historical Bureau. The bill abolishes the Historical Bureau and on July 1, 2005, individuals who were employees of the Bureau on June 30, 2005, become ILHD employees. On July 1, 2005, all powers, duties, assets, appropriations, fund balances, and liabilities of the Bureau relative to the Governors' Portraits Program are transferred to the Division of State Museums and Historic sites of the Department of 'Natural Resources. All other powers, duties, assets, appropriations, fund balances, and liabilities of the Indiana Historical Bureau relative to the Indiana Historical Marker Program are transferred to the ILHD. All assets, appropriations, fund balances, and liabilities of the Indiana Historical Bureau Historical Bureau Publications and Educational Fund revert to the state General Fund. (No such fund existed as of February 2005.) As of January 2005, the Bureau had 9 full-time staff with one on leave. Total salaries equaled \$278,193. For FY 2004 and FY 2005, the

Bureau received a budget of \$421,915, with a General Fund appropriation of \$399,020 and a dedicated fund appropriation of \$22,895.

Indiana State Archives. The Indiana State Archives Division of the ILHD is a continuation of the Indiana State Archives Program of the Commission on Public Records. On July 1, 2005, all powers, duties, assets, appropriations, account balances, and liabilities of the Indiana State Archives Program of the Commission on Public Records are transferred to the Indiana State Archives Division of the ILHD. On July 1, 2005, individuals who were employees of the Indiana State Archives Program of the Commission on Public Records on June 30, 2005, become employees of the ILHD State Archives Division. As of January 2005, the Commission maintained a staff of 33 full-time employees with annual salaries of \$1,012,369. The bill also specifies the duties of the State Archives Division.

Upon the termination of a state agency whose functions have not been transferred to another agency, the records of the state agency must initially be deposited with the Commission on Public Records. The Oversight Committee on Public Records must determine which records are of sufficient legal, historical, administrative, research or fiscal value to warrant continued preservation. Those records must then be transferred to the State Archives. Records that are determined to be of insufficient value to warrant continued preservation must be disposed of or destroyed.

The Indiana Library and Historical Board may enter into agreements with the legislative and judicial branches of government; state supported colleges and universities; other state, county or other officials for the transfer of permanent records not having current administrative value.

Oversight Committee on Public Records. The bill changes the composition of the committee; however, total membership remains at eleven. Consequently, this provision should have little fiscal impact.

Division of State Museums and Historic Sites of the Department of Natural Resources: The bill provides that the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites will take custody and care for the governors' portraits. As of January 2005, the DNR Division of State Museums and Historic Sites maintained a staff of 27 full-time employees with annual salaries of \$1,042,957.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) The bill establishes the State Archives Preservation and Reproduction Account within the state General Fund. The bill also provides for fees to be established that would fund the account. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the ILHD for use in the preservation and reproduction of public records in the archives. The amount of revenue that will be generated for this account will depend on fees established and whether these fees differ from existing fees.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: ILHD, DNR, the Historical Bureau, and the Commission on Public Records.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Personnel Department.

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